

REMARKS

In the Final Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1-7, 9-14, and 60, allowed claims 20-33, 36-59, 61, and 62, and objected to claims 8 and 15-19 as being dependent upon a rejected based claim. The Examiner further indicated that claims 8 and 15-19 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base and intervening claims. The Applicants thank the Examiner for indicating the allowable matter. By the present response, Applicants canceled claim 15 and amended claim 1 to incorporate the allowable elements of claim 15. The Applicants also amended dependent claims 8 and 19 to place these claims in independent form. Accordingly, Applicants believe that claims 1-14, 16-33, and 36-62 are in condition for allowance.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 102

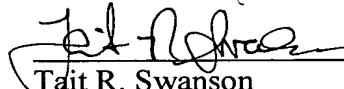
The Examiner rejected claims 1-7, 9-14 and 60 under U.S.C. § 102(e), as being clearly anticipated by U.S. Pat. No. 6,480,376 to Nguen et al. Although Applicants do not necessarily agree with the rejection, Applicants stress that this rejection is moot in view of the amendments presented above. Indeed, amended claim 1 includes the allowable subject matter of claim 15. The remaining claims 2-7, 9-14, and 60 all depend from independent claim 1. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) and allow claims 1-7, 9-14, and 60.

Conclusion

The Applicants respectfully submit that all pending claims should be in condition for allowance. However, if the Examiner believes certain amendments are necessary to clarify the present claims or if the Examiner wishes to resolve any other issues by way of a telephone conference, the Applicants kindly invite the Examiner to contact the Applicants' attorney at the telephone number indicated below.

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